

As a current airline captain, I oppose the change to the age 60 rule.

1) The rule change will NOT make aviation safer. The supporters of the change do not even claim that.

2) The supporters want the rule change for their own economic gain.

3) I have personally witnessed a general degradation in mental acuity in many of my colleagues over 55 years of age.

- The routine physical examinations do not expose the mental loss.

- There is no criteria or test for maintaining mental agility.

- While some individuals may stay "sharp as a tack" into their 70's, there is no current procedural basis to define who is, and who is not.